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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

MARCH, 1858.

The Selectmen of the town of Hill, for the year 1857, charge themselves with the following items, viz :

Cash received by Selectmen of 1856, after making their report,	\$54.16
“ “ of M. J. Morrill, Treasurer for 1856,	5.99
“ hired of Amelia Emons,	200.00
“ received of David Trumbull, Collector for 1855,	10.00
“ “ “ R. M. Davis,	12.50
“ “ “ Literary Fund,	88.80
“ “ “ Railroad Tax,	69.92
“ “ “ Gardner Evans,	60.23
“ “ “ Town of Salisbury,	17.52
“ borrowed “ Carr Huse,	150.00
“ left by Joseph Cram,	1.24
Taxes committed to the Collector,	2321.94
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	\$2992.30
Paid by Selectmen of 1856, after report, more than received,	30.68
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	\$3022.98

Which is accounted for as follows :

Outstanding Claims prior to March, 1857.

Paid several bills by Selectmen of 1856, after making their report,	\$84.84
Follansbee & Estabrooks, support of paupers,	132.80
Methodist Society,	20.65
Freewill Baptist Society,	10.36
Amos J. Simpson, support of Thomas Wells,	35.00

Paid Town of Boscawen, support of Sally Noyes,	49.47
E. G. Bartlett, services,	1.00
B. C. Bachelder,	1.00
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	\$335.12

Town Expenses for 1857.

Paid Selwyn L. Parker, cleaning Town House,	\$1.00
County School Commissioner,	13.00
Commissary General,	2.67
S. S. Hersey, enrolling Militia,	1.00
Wm. Hersey, " "	1.00
D. E. Everett, " "	2.00
Harrison Adams, repairing Town House,	2.00
Rufus Fellows, services as Town Clerk,	25.16
" " " Sup. School Com.,	38.00
Carr Huse, " Selectman,	38.00
" " horse hire and cash paid out,	21.57
" " board of Selectmen,	8.00
John H. Emons, services as Selectman,	22.25
" " " horse hire and cash paid out,	1.85
Samuel Wells, services as Selectman,	25.26
" " horse hire and cash paid out,	5.62
Deputy Secretary of State,	.50
O. E. Eastman, for collecting taxes,	22.00
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	\$230.88

Support of the Poor.

Paid Francisca Davis, work for R. Stevens,	\$1.93
Joseph Thomas, digging grave,	1.25
Samuel Wells, boarding R. Stevens,	16.36
John P. Emery, keeping pauper,	.50
Mary Clay, for support of Molly Stevens,	16.00
Town of New-Hampton, support of I. Wells,	41.50
Isaac T. Follansbee, support of M. & E. Rano,	49.00
Amos K. Davis, support of paupers,	72.58
N. H. Asylum, support of Rachel Stevens,	75.81
Town of Lebanon, support of Samuel Stevens,	27.50
E. T. Eastman, support of John Favor,	66.85
Town of Salisbury, support of James L. Merrill,	22.62
Mrs. Joseph Johnson, support of R. Stevens,	10.36
J. R. Rowell, pasturing cow for J. Cole,	3.50
Retyer M. Davis, support of Joseph Cram,	7.27
Albert A. Marden, support of R. Stevens,	8.08

Selwyn C. Dearborn, support of Samuel Favor,	44.12
Jacob Quimby, wood, &c., for John Cole,	8.25
Division No. 343, goods for paupers,	50.11
Lavina Smith, boarding R. Stevens,	3.93
B. C. Bachelder, coffin for Joseph Cram,	4.50
Samuel Wells, for Jane Murray and R. Stevens,	9.76
Carr Huse, boarding Jane Murray,	1.93
O. B. Stevens, wood for R. Stevens,	1.50
Dr. R. Fellows, as Physician,	43.81
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	\$589.02

Parsonage Money.

Paid James H. Brown, for Freewill Baptist Society,	\$9.74
— Carr Huse, " Methodist " "	17.07
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	\$26.81

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Amos Dickerson, for work on road, and lumber,	\$3.16
Timothy Hillard, do., do.,	3.75
Daniel Tyrrell, do.,	4.62
Jeremiah Ward, do.,	18.33
Calvin Golden,	7.33
E. G. Bartlett, do.,	3.25
Luther Sawyer, do.,	1.00
Robert Morrill, do.,	5.83
John Hastings, do.,	4.00
George W. Dearborn, do.,	4.00
Dennis A. Babb, do.,	1.00
Albert Blake, do.,	.50
Osmand Gale, do.,	11.25
M. W. Sargent, do.,	4.50
Harrison Morrill, do.,	5.65
John W. Eaton,	7.00
Samuel Brown,	2.00
J. R. Rowell, do.,	2.00
Charles F. Swain, do.,	1.15
Orrin LeBarron, do.,	5.00
S. U. Dearborn, do.,	3.58
Moses Bartlett, do.,	17.40
John Murray, do.,	2.25
Jesse Wiggins, do.,	2.00
John H. Follansbee, do.,	11.29
Samuel Wells, do., and lumber,	34.39
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	\$166.23

Paid the several School Districts.

Paid School District	No. 1,	\$100.00
"	" 2,	40.03
"	" 3,	69.11
"	" 4,	78.33
"	" 5,	66.14
"	" 6,	72.37
"	" 7,	40.97
"	" 8,	43.69
"	" 9,	40.85
"	" 10,	49.22
"	" 11,	12.64
"	" 11, for 1856,	4.54
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		\$617.89

Paid State Tax,	150.50
" County Tax,	219.93
" Abatement of Taxes,	25.73
Wait H. Danforth, for cow,	34.00

Amount of money received by Treasurer, **\$3022.98**

Which is accounted for as follows:

State Tax,	150.50
County Tax,	219.93
School Districts,	617.89
Outstanding Claims,	335.12
Town Expenses,	230.88
Support of the Poor,	589.02
Repairing Highways and Bridges,	166.23
Parsonage Money,	26.81
Abatement of Taxes,	25.73
Paid for one cow,	34.00
Due from Collector,	600.16
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	26.71
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	\$3022.98

Outstanding Claims against the Town.

Due Diamond Shaw, on Note,	\$212.00
Solon W. Dickerson,	83.84
Polly F. Hersey,	81.33
M. J. Morrill,	212.00
S. M. Currier,	268.09

Available means in Real Estate,	\$50.00
Due from Jeremiah Flanders, Collector,	9.68
from J. P. Colby, "	40.07
from David Trumbull, "	46.73
from Nason W. Cass, "	76.48
from O. E. Eastman, "	600.16
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	26.71
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	\$849.83

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CARR HUSE, } *Selectmen*
JOHN H. EMONS, } *of*
SAMUEL WELLS, } *Hill.*

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWN OF HILL,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 9, 1858.

ANOTHER year has passed away. Its cares, its anxieties, and its time for mental and moral improvement have sped their flight, and are now numbered among the things that were. Again it becomes the duty of your Committee to report the progress of the several district schools in the town for the past year. We are happy to be able to report them in a better condition, with one exception, than at any time previous, since our connection with them. We would congratulate the inhabitants of the different districts on the generally successful efforts of their agents to secure efficient and well qualified teachers,—those who have sought to improve their scholars morally as well as intellectually.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Two summer terms of 20 weeks, taught by Miss HELEN M. PARKER, who is a teacher of considerable experience. One who combines much energy and tact with kindness and familiarity. The different studies were pursued with profit. A good school.

The winter term is being taught by Mr. J. H. PALMER; it has not yet closed. *Valeat quantum, valere potest.*

DISTRICT No. 2.

One term of 8 weeks, kept in the winter by Miss M. E. MARSTON, who possessed eminent qualification for the education of the young. The school was small, but was much improved, and its appearance at the close was praiseworthy.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss SUSAN E. BARRETT, with her usual success and interest for her scholars. As a matter of course, every thing passed along pleasantly and profitably. An excellent school.

Winter term of $7\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, taught by Mr. SYLVANUS HEATH. The scholars made fair progress in their studies. The teacher appeared interested for the pupils. The school was less pleasant and beneficial than it would have been had the teacher possessed more patience and evenness of disposition.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss ABBIE H. FOLLANS-

BY, who is an experienced and efficient teacher. The school made good improvement and deserve a good report.

Winter term of $8\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, taught by Mr. M. PROCTOR LEFAVOR, who is a good scholar. As a teacher he appeared anxious that the pupils should thoroughly understand their lessons before they were passed over. The school gave good evidence of improvement. A good school.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss JUDITH A. BOYCE, who is an interesting and promising teacher. Although this was her first attempt at teaching, yet, possessing an aptness to teach, she was eminently successful in her labors; the school was much improved.

Winter term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss JANE H. BROWN, who is a very successful and interesting teacher. The progress good. A fine school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer and Winter terms of $17\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, taught by Miss MARY A. C. DEARBORN, who is a thorough and kind teacher. The scholars made good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Two summer terms of 14 weeks, taught by Miss NANCY J. PRESCOTT, a teacher of ability. Good order and thorough instruction were the leading traits. Progress good.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss ELLEN F. DICKERSON, who is a young teacher, but who proved as successful in the management of her school as many of long experience. The school gave good satisfaction to all concerned.

Winter term of 12 weeks, taught by Miss NANNIE A. MORRILL, another young but promising teacher. The responsible duties of her new position were discharged with credit to herself and profit to the school.

DISTRICT No. 9.

One term in the winter of $6\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, taught by Mr. LEVI B. LANG; an excellent school in respect to order. When good order exists in the school room we shall always find good progress in study. This school is believed to be the best the district has enjoyed for years.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer term of 7 weeks, taught by Miss AUGUSTA C. BETON. Order good, progress commendable.

Winter term of 7 weeks, taught by Miss MARY H. CLARK, whose character as a teacher is well known in town, and needs no comment. This school, also, is worthy of a good report.

REMARKS.

The retrospect of the educational interest in this town affords some cheering indications of progress. That progress has not been so great, or so marked in its development, as we could desire. Some of the reasons why it has not, have been repeatedly urged upon the attention of the people, viz : Poor, uncomfortable and unfurnished school houses, and a lack of that deep and abiding interest and hearty coöperation of parents in this great work.

Sargent's series of Readers have been introduced into the schools with good success. New reading matter has stimulated and awakened an interest in the scholars to read well. This is an accomplishment which has been too much neglected. It is a duty, assigned us by Providence, that we should educate all to a certain extent. Our common school system is the great agent by which this may be effected ; like the genial rays of the sun, it is calculated in its nature to benefit all classes in community. The poor as well as the rich receive its salutary influence. It can not be too highly prized, or regarded with too vigilant care. It has been well said of our common schools : " These are our standing army ; the grand palladium of our liberties." With how much earnestness and zeal should we labor to complete and embellish that noble fabric which was founded early in the seventeenth century by our Pilgrim Fathers, the basis of which was universal education.

We should ever be mindful of the fact that our schools have to do with the most important and interesting object ever created by Omnipotence. We mean the human mind ; that subtle agent, in which the very sentiment of duty resides. But the pen of common men can not portray the benefits or pleasures of an education. The committee would adopt the language of the eloquent D'Israeli. That prince of all philosophy has said in an immortal apothegm, " that knowledge is power," but it is no less true, " that knowledge is pleasure." We now consign these schools to your care. Guard them well. Upon their character and efficiency depends not only the temporal and spiritual welfare of your children, but the rising glory and prosperity of our common country. See to it that your school tax, the fruit of your honest industry, is not expended for the injury and not the benefit of your children.

R. FELLOWS, *Sup. School Committee.*

HILL, March 1st, 1858.